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WEEK DAYS

STATIONS	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	6.40	8.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	7.10
Yau Ma Tei	6.50	8.25	10.40	12.10	1.25	4.45	7.20
Shatin	7.00	8.35	10.50	12.20	1.35	4.55	7.30
Tai Po	7.10	8.45	11.00	12.30	1.45	5.05	7.40
Tai Po Market	7.20	8.55	11.10	12.40	1.55	5.15	7.50
Fanning	7.30	9.05	11.20	12.50	2.05	5.25	8.00
Shung Shui	7.40	9.15	11.30	1.00	2.15	5.35	8.10
Shum Chun	7.50	9.25	11.40	1.10	2.25	5.45	8.20

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Shum Chun	7.50	9.25	11.40	1.10	2.25	5.45	8.20
Shung Shui	8.00	9.35	11.50	1.20	2.35	5.55	8.30
Fanning	8.10	9.45	12.00	1.30	2.45	6.05	8.40
Tai Po Market	8.20	9.55	12.10	1.40	2.55	6.15	8.50
Tai Po	8.30	10.05	12.20	1.50	3.05	6.25	9.00
Shatin	8.40	10.15	12.30	2.00	3.15	6.35	9.10
Yau Ma Tei	8.50	10.25	12.40	2.10	3.25	6.45	9.20
Kowloon	9.00	10.35	12.50	2.20	3.35	6.55	9.30

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

STATIONS	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	6.40	8.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	7.10
Yau Ma Tei	6.50	8.25	10.40	12.10	1.25	4.45	7.20
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Fanning	7.30	9.05	11.20	12.50	2.05	5.25	8.00
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Fanning	8.10	9.45	12.00	1.30	2.45	6.05	8.40
Tai Po Market	8.20	9.55	12.10	1.40	2.55	6.15	8.50
Tai Po	8.30	10.05	12.20	1.50	3.05	6.25	9.00
Shatin	8.40	10.15	12.30	2.00	3.15	6.35	9.10
Yau Ma Tei	8.50	10.25	12.40	2.10	3.25	6.45	9.20
Kowloon	9.00	10.35	12.50	2.20	3.35	6.55	9.30

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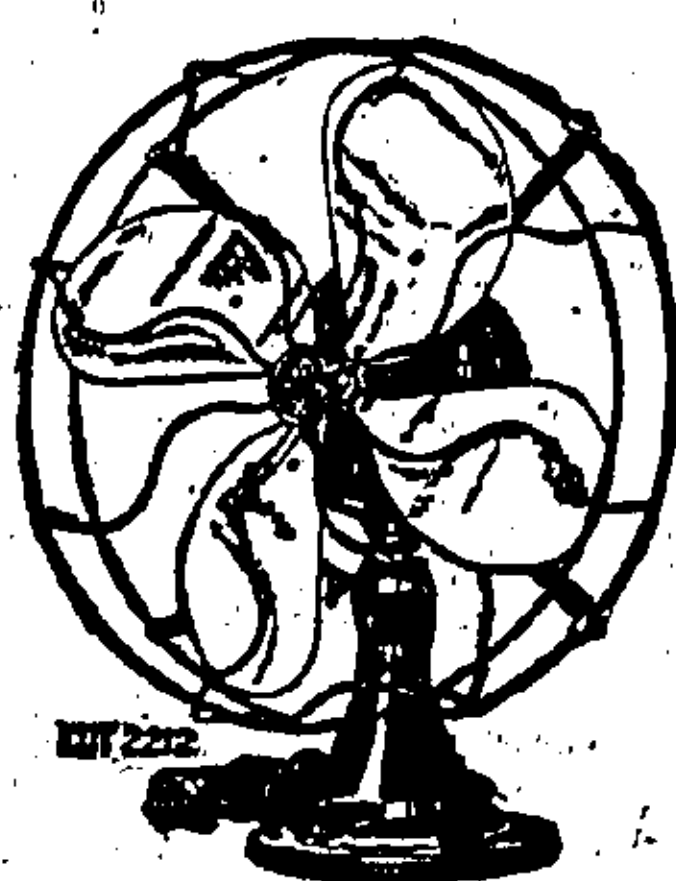
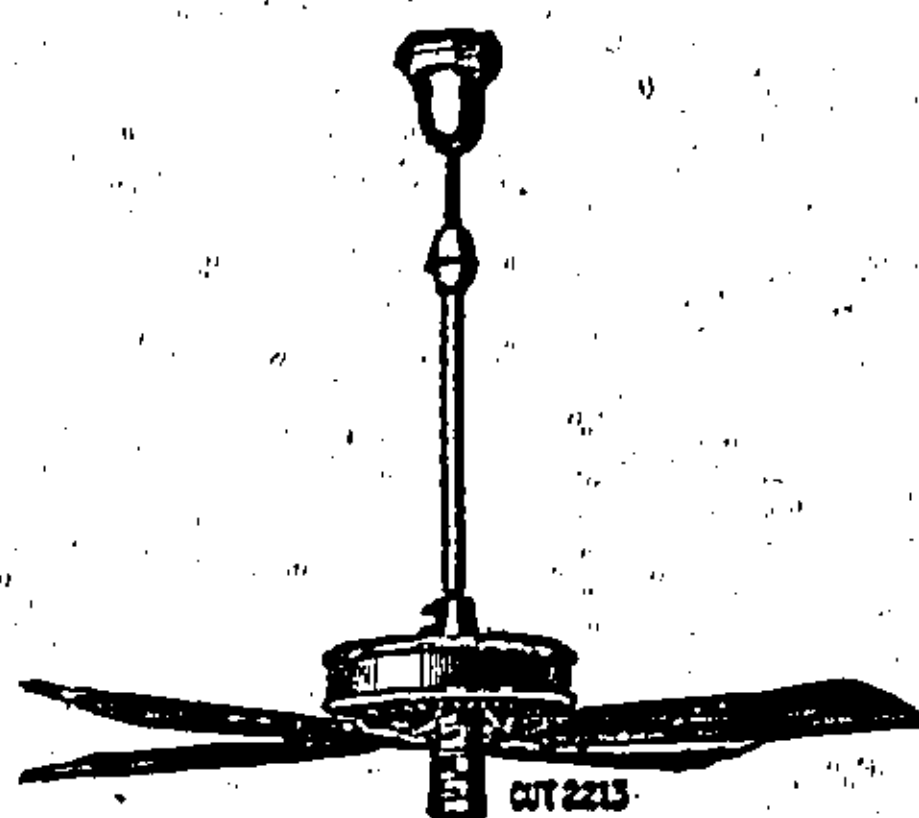
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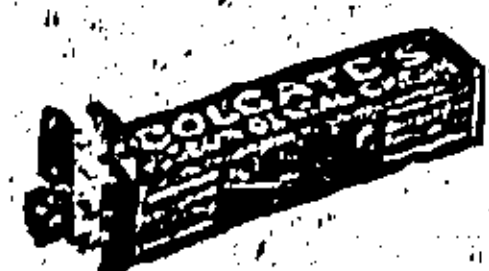
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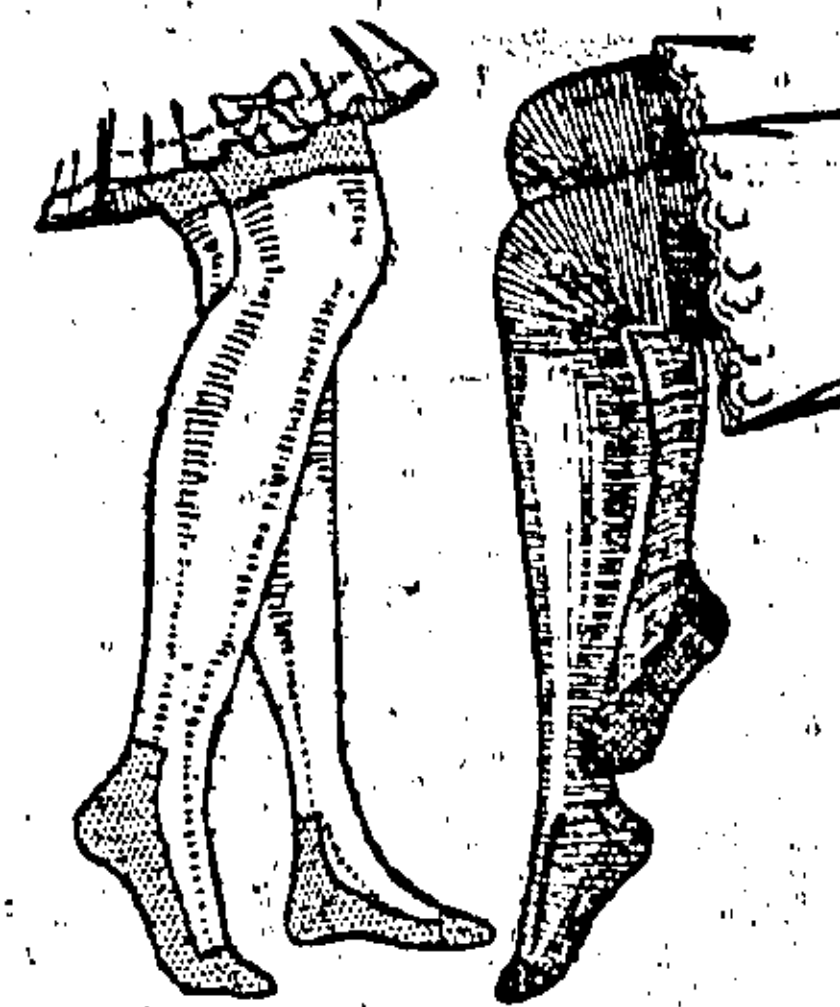
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FURTHER COMMONS DISCUSSION.

LONDON, July 14th.

The Rubber restriction policy was again the subject of questions in the House of Commons when Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied, said that according to the best estimates of the situation and prospects of the plantation rubber industry, he could only regard the extent of the present rise as a temporary movement.

There appeared to be no ground at present for a special enquiry or for proposing that the Ceylon and Malaya Governments should repeal the legislative measures. If there proved to be a real shortage in the course of the next few months it would be possible to release maximum production. There was no reason why growers should not increase production in anticipation of this.

He was aware that since the introduction of the restriction scheme Dutch plantation rubber production had increased from 15 per cent to 37 per cent, and the bulk of the rubber in which middlemen were gambling at between 17 and 20 pence a lb.

Mr. Waddington asked if he was aware that producers were accumulating stocks in view of the termination of the Stevenson export restrictions in February, and asked if it was not in trade interests to permit more exports now and prevent a slump in February.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore considered this too long as a supplementary question and added that he made a slip in his reply yesterday. The whole matter was being watched, with the advice of an expert committee, and while it was agreed that the price was likely to fall considerably they did not think the abolition or modification of the Stevenson scheme would materially assist, either now or in a few months.

Replying to a suggestion by Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said he would consider the advisability of an immediate statement with regard to the future.

COUNTY CRICKET.

SURREY BEAT LANCAIRE.

LONDON, July 14th.

Playing at Maidstone, Yorkshire defeated Kent by 110 runs. Batting first, Yorkshire were all out for 196, Wright taking six wickets for 52 runs. Kent replied with 259, Woolley contributing 81 and Hubble 66, whilst Waddington took six wickets for 80 runs. Going in a second time, Yorkshire put together 333, of which Sutcliffe made 73, Oldroyd 62 and Leyland 81. Kent's second venture produced only 160, of which Woolley made 52. Collins and Freeman did not bat in Kent's second innings, owing to injuries.

Warwickshire defeated Hampshire at Birmingham by 160 runs. In their first innings Warwickshire scored 325, the chief scorer being Smith (80). Hampshire replied with 144, Howell taking nine wickets for 32 runs. Batting a second time, Warwickshire compiled 318 for the loss of only three wickets (declared), Parsons making 87, Calthorpe 72, Qaife 60 not out and Bates 67 not out. Hampshire's second innings produced 323, Howell making 81 and Tennyson 139.

SURREY'S WIN.

At the Oval, Surrey defeated Lancashire by 132 runs. Batting first, Surrey scored 210, Sandham contributing 89 and Fitch 66, whilst Macdonald took eight wickets for 58 runs. Lancashire's first innings produced 139, of which Hallows made 64, Shepherd taking four wickets for 37 runs. Surrey's second innings totalled 194, of which Shepherd made 51, Tyldesley taking four wickets for 39 runs. Lancashire replied with only 88, Fender taking three wickets for 24 runs. Hallows strained his thigh and was unable to bat.

Notts defeated Sussex at Brighton by 192 runs. Batting first, Notts scored 355, of which Whyte contributed 102, Carr 82 and Lilley 74. Sussex replied with 278, Tait scoring 114. In their second innings, Notts made 223 for the loss of five wickets (declared), Carr being responsible for 125. Sussex compiled 207 in their second innings.

At Swansea, Essex defeated Glamorgan by 38 runs. Essex made 352 in their first innings, Russell scoring 121 and Douglas 50. Glamorgan replied with 280, of which Mercer made 87. In the second innings, Essex made 126, Ryan taking seven wickets for 53 runs. Glamorgan's second venture yielded 160, Tait scoring 61.

At Ridderminster, Northants defeated Worcestershire by one wicket. Worcester batted first and made 149, to which Northants replied with 170, Root taking six wickets for 50 runs. Worcester put up 231 in their second innings, M. Foster scoring 150 and Clark taking six wickets for 77 runs. In their second innings, Northants made 302 for the loss of nine wickets, W. Timms scoring 114 and J. Timms 72.

At Derby, Leicestershire defeated Derbyshire by 248 runs. Leicestershire batted first and made 327, of which Coulson contributed 80, Geary 60, Shipman 52 and Berry 50. Derby replied with 150, Astill taking three wickets for nine runs. Leicestershire going in a second time made 139 for the loss of eight wickets and declared, and Derby were all disposed of in their second innings for 67, Astill taking five for 19 and Fielding five for 40.

LAWN TENNIS.

ASSOCIATION ADMITS MALAYA.

LONDON, July 14th.

By special invitation, Mr. Justice Reay attended the meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association Council at which Malaya was admitted to membership.

SWATOW CONDITIONS INTOLERABLE.

BRITISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN
SUFFERING IN HEALTH.

TIME SOMETHING WAS DONE

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

SWATOW, July 11th.

The British in Swatow are in a state of siege. This is no joke, it is grim earnest. All food supplies, fresh or otherwise, have been cut off by the Chinese. Our water supply is threatened. Every servant is out: British women and children are suffering in health from the intense heat, and lack of any fresh food or comfort. Other nationals have been warned that if they assist in any way a British subject, the boycott will be extended to them also. Spies watch the houses to see that this order is obeyed. The British must run their own launches. No sampan will carry us. H.M.S. *Bluebell* is included in the boycott, and can obtain no supplies. The U.S.S. *Sacramento* is carefully rationed in order that she may have nothing to spare for any British friends. In addition her Commander was warned yesterday by the Chinese that his men must discontinue their work of running Bradley's ice factory, otherwise their supplies would be cut off also.

CHINESE POLICE, USELESS.

"Strong" proclamations, urging courtesy to foreigners are continuously issued by the Chinese "authorities." The people laugh at them, and they are never enforced. The Police are useless. A police "guard" was gratuitously supplied to the Commissioner of Customs' house. Under their very noses, the premises were broken into two days ago, and two faithful official servants carried off by the members of the Servants' Union. This although the two servants had been furnished with badges by the Chief of Police to ensure their remaining unmolested. The police looked quietly on and the servants were rescued by the Commissioner himself, as they were being carried across the harbour in a sampson, which was intercepted at his request by a launch belonging to H.M.S. *Bluebell*. For this disgraceful abuse of China's "sovereignty," the rations specially granted to the Customs Staff as Chinese Government employees are now threatened by the Unions. What is it to them that they were authorised by the Superintendent of Customs? The Unions are top dogs in Swatow, and they know it.

INSULT AND INJURY.

What authority there is here now is a joint affair. The Cantonese and General Hung Chao Lin's men are "keeping order" between them. No satisfaction can be obtained. If one "General" is appealed to, he refers you to the other. We have to sit down quietly under insult and injury.

We foreigners in Swatow are unfortunate enough to be the "guests" of China. We live on Chinese soil. Which means that no guards can be loaded from men-of-war in port except in case of great emergency. China's sovereign right to behave like a degenerate baboon must be safeguarded.

TIME SOMETHING WAS DONE.

Things are really very bad here. We think that it is time that something was done for us. We are all working up to the limit of our strength. Some will soon pass that limit. There is no question of not pulling together. The British community is separated by the harbour. The women must do the house work and the men are look after their children. The men are busy carrying water, running launches, cooking for communal kitchens, doing sentry duty at night, and all the innumerable jobs which must be carried out. The members of the Customs must continue their office work in addition.

HOW MUCH LONGER?

It makes our mouths water to read the Hongkong papers. With us there is no question of any "slight scarcity" of fresh fruit or vegetables. For us British such things don't exist now-a-days. We would gladly fetch and carry our fresh milk and meat, and pay any amount of cash for it. We aren't allowed the chance. In fact we are being abominably treated by a country nominally friendly. How much longer is it to go on!

THE DAVIES CUP.

FRANCE WIN AGAIN.

EASTBOURNE, July 14th.

In the Davis Cup tie France won by 4 matches to 1.
Lacoste beat Crole Rees, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3. Turnbull received a walk over from Borotra, who scratched.

HOME COAL CRISIS.

MINERS PREFER NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, July 14th.

The miners' executive has telegraphed to Mr. Evan Williams, chairman of the coal owners, asking if his invitation to meet on an open situation meant that the owners' proposals would be withdrawn and that negotiations could be resumed where they were broken off.

It is stated that the miners would prefer negotiations to a Court of Enquiry. CANNOT WITHDRAW NOTICES.

LATER.
The Mining Association have telegraphed to the Miners' Federation Conference at Scarborough offering to meet its representatives and discuss proposals for a new agreement, but declaring that the Owners cannot withdraw the notices terminating the agreement.

(Other Cables on page 5.)

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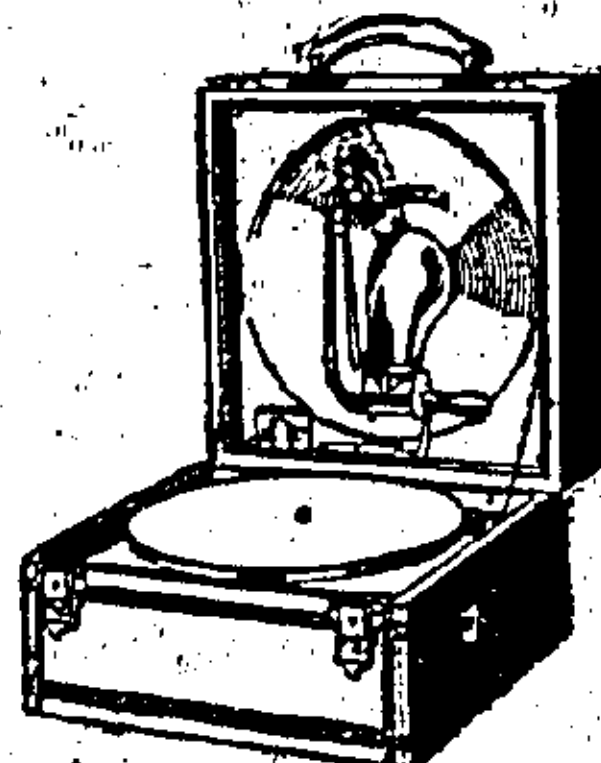
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FRANCE'S GREAT DAY.

BRILLIANT CELEBRATIONS ALL
OVER THE COUNTRY.

PARIS, July 15th.
The National Fete was celebrated brilliantly all over France. Paris, witnessed an imposing ceremony at the Unknown Soldiers' tomb, and the finish of a relay race from Verdun, whence runners bearing a symbolic torch came by way of various battlefields.

In Moroccan towns impressive military parades took place, attended by huge crowds of natives. At Rabat the Sultan and his visitors were among the spectators.

[ROUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

"WET" V. "DRY" SHIPS.

WET VARIETY PREFERRED BY
PASSENGERS.

NEW YORK, July 15th.
The Federal Court Judge, Mr. Mack, refused to grant an injunction to restrain British ships bringing into American waters sealed liquor for use on the return voyage to Europe.

He said the Federal Courts in this matter were powerless to enforce the penal laws.

The injunction was applied for by the Neptune Association, an organization of deck officers on American ships, who claimed that passengers preferred "wet" British to "dry" American ships and so damaged their business.

Hawaii.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

(THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.)

UNREST IN THE NORTH.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR ON CHINA.

LONDON, July 14th.
The French Ambassador, M. Fleuriot, at a reception of the French Colony in London on the occasion of the French National Fete, referring to the situation in China said that the existing system of treaties could not be touched without exposing foreigners in China to the greatest danger. The agitators who had excited the good Chinese against foreigners would not engage in the deadly work unless encouraged from outside.

He hoped all the Governments concerned would unite to defend their nationals, not merely now by concerted measures for immediate protection, but also in the future by maintaining the guarantee of old treaties until China is able herself to completely assure the safety of the lives and property of all residents in China.

He concluded by saying that the French people depended on an Anglo-French entente.

SECRET PACT DENIED.

SWAMPSCOTT, Massachusetts, July 14th.
President Coolidge in a speech here expressed the hope that conditions would permit the holding of a conference in the near future to discuss extra-territoriality in China as well as the Customs.

He asserted that America's efforts in this connection were confined to an attempt to secure the participation of the nine Washington conference signatories. He added that the United States had not entered into any agreement with Britain or Japan regarding China.

It is explained that President Coolidge contemplates a conference to consider all the problems covered by the Washington Agreement.

The States Department is now communicating with the Washington signatories with the object of arranging a conference at Peking shortly.—*Reuter's Washington Service.*

DENIAL CONFIRMED.

TOKYO, July 14th.
With regard to Chinese affairs, Baron Shidehara states that a larger scale London Conference was proposed by the Japanese in Peking. Japan was willing to participate in it, if held, but it was unnecessary in his opinion, as the question would probably be settled by the negotiations proceeding between the Council and the Consular Body in Shanghai. He denies the reported Anglo-American-Japanese secret agreement with reference to China and likewise the proposed Anglo-Japanese special understanding.

DOSSEE TRIAL SEQUEL.

THE DEFENDANT'S DENIALS.

SHANGHAI, July 14th.
The American Assessor and Magistrate Loh, heard the case in which Eugene Fortunatoff, the Soviet Consulate Doctor, appeared in the Mixed Court charged under Articles 149 and 143 of the Chinese Provisional Criminal Code with offering to bribe a public official.

The British Assessor, and Magistrate Shao, are trying Dossee, who has denied that a branch of the Soviet Communist Party existed in Shanghai. He also denied all knowledge of an Agitation Department in Shanghai.

He added that he first saw the certificate when the police produced it. He said: "It is a rough forgery made by a man unfamiliar with party documents."

AMERICA'S POLICY IN CHINA.

PEKING, July 15th.
Mr. MacMurray presented his credentials to Tsoa Chi Jui this morning with the usual ceremony.

It is understood that Mr. MacMurray made a formal statement regarding America's policy in China.

STRIKE SITUATION BRIGHTENING.

GROWING NUMBERS OF STRIKERS RETURNING
TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

INDIAN VOLUNTEERS' GOOD WORK.

The local strike outlook brightened in a marked degree yesterday. While the general deadlock still continues, it is noteworthy that the number of strikers who are coming back to ask for re-employment is steadily increasing, and yesterday one shipping company had got back almost its entire clerical staff of Chinese. Growing numbers of men—urged almost by the beneficent spur of the recent deportation regulations—are no doubt by the police authorities for jobs, and whereas so far, such applicants have been almost entirely of the coolie class, it was noticed yesterday that a large proportion of them were made up from the more ambitious ranks of Chinese labour. In general there is a strong indication that the striking element—the rank and file and the carefully hidden leaders alike—are being brought to realize the futility of their efforts against the admirably thorough organization of the authorities, and the rigid purpose of the European community to see this thing through to a victorious issue. Far less pleasant hearing is contained in the news, published in another column, from a correspondent at Swatow, where apparently the condition of the British community is becoming intolerable, and where it would appear that strong official action for their protection and relief is urgently called for. Yesterday's local strike details are as under:—

SHIPPING.

For the 24 hours ended yesterday, there were six arrivals and five departures. Of the arrivals two were British, the s.s. *Kafiristan* from Newcastle-on-Tyne and the *Bottom Castle* from Liverpool. The American vessel the s.s. *Ethna Allen* discharged 74 bags of mails, 27 of which were from Swatow, and the s.s. *Wooking Maru* brought eight bags from Kobe.

Amongst the departures for England was the Blue Funnel liner *Troilus*. She carried cargo, and passengers among the latter being a number of Naval men relieved from Fleet units now operating in the North. The s.s. *Perseus* left for Shanghai.

HARBOUR LAUNCHES.

A number of Filipino sailors presented themselves at the Harbour Office yesterday and were signed on for the Harbour launches. With this addition it is probable that from to-day most of the harbour launches will be running as usual.

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The impression has been created that Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., are devoting the whole of their available time and energy to the sale of provisions and other goods of essential articles. As a matter of fact business is being carried on by the firm in every department almost as usual. They can do upholstery work of all kinds and are quite able to execute with dispatch any orders for furniture and other goods which they may receive.

SKILLED WORKMEN.

Skilled workmen are now coming forward in increasing numbers in search of employment. The Assistant Labour Controller reports that he has men available who are able to drive trams and do similar work. Those desirous of securing such services should apply to Dr. Tso at the City Hall.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT BOATS.

On inquiry at the Sanitary Department yesterday, an official informed the *Daily Press* that a coxswain and crew, all Chinese, had now taken charge of one of the department's launches. The men were taken on at ordinary rates, and there was no question as to whether their positions were permanent or not. The official further stated that by to-day he hoped to engage crews for one at least of the other two launches, and perhaps both would be manned. It was at first intended to obtain the services of Malays but there are now plenty of Chinese seeking such employment.

The sanitary services are improving daily. One of the Sanitary Department's carts has been used in the Wanchai district during the past few days and motor ferries are being used in other parts of the city.

COXSWAIN WHO DESERTED.

A Chinese, who was formerly a coxswain on the No. 2 Fire Boat, was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with leaving his employment without notice. Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, prosecuted Defendant who had been in the Government service for over three years, deserting on the 2nd inst. and was later arrested by the police on board a sampan.

The maximum penalty of \$100 was inflicted, with three months' hard labour in default.

MEN RETURNING TO WORK.

There are encouraging signs that the worst period of the strike has been passed, many workers having returned to their former employers and offered their services. The clerical staff of one ship-owners' office has returned to work, and there is encouraging news in connection with the Tramways.

A number of maintenance men employed in the repair depot, and also some overhead equipment workers and some of the permanent way men have returned for duty.

Among the returned men those with good characters have been selected for duty, and have been engaged as servants on the lowest scale of pay.

During the past week a ten-minute through service from Causeway Bay to Whitty Street, a ten-minute service from the Post Office to Happy Valley, and a 15-minute service from Causeway Bay to Quarry Bay have been maintained. The number of trams in use is considered quite adequate for the needs of the Colony, and as soon as the number of passengers justifies the step, the service will be extended.

MARKETS TO RE-OPEN.

Mr. N. L. Smith, the Food Controller, is making an effort to get the markets into normal working conditions. A halt is being called to the practice of hawking meat, fish, and vegetables on the streets, and pork dealers are being notified that if they do not open their market stalls their licenses will be cancelled. This has had a good effect and a number of stalls were reopened yesterday. There is a sufficiency of beef but the slaughter of pigs is being restricted until larger supplies arrive. At present about 100 pigs are slaughtered daily. Fresh vegetables are still scarce.

INTIMIDATION CHARGE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, a partner of the Mow Ling Restaurant appeared on remand charged with having intimidated his fellow partner.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, (instructed by Messrs. d'Almeida and Nephew) appeared for the defence.

It was established that complainant and defendant were not on good terms, differences having arisen concerning the purchase of stock for the business. The defendant had complained of being given too little money to make his purchases and had therefore suggested that the shop should be closed. If the business were stopped the defendant being a partner of the firm would lose \$500 which he had invested.

Defendant was discharged.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Indian Detachment of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade who are now working in co-operation with the Fire Brigade, have recently rendered valuable assistance. Not only have they responded well, but they have been fully equal to the work. They are manning the new Austin motor ambulance, and they work for 19 hours daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. They are displaying as much eagerness and promptitude in these duties as the firemen show in answering calls.

The following members of the Indian section of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade have passed the efficiency test in the first aid, an examination held by Dr. Gowler:—Sergt. A. H. Rumbhish, Sergt. M. A. Khan, Corp. B. A. Byder, Corp. J. S. Curran, Pte. G. A. Hyder.

On enquiry at the City Hall yesterday, Dr. Tso informed our representative that amongst those coming forward to ask for work were a number of deck hands. He said that he was of the opinion that the tide had turned with regard to the return of general labour, and it had been more noticeable since the issue of the proclamation dealing with idlers.

Hitherto those applying at the Central Police Station for work have been restricted to the coolie class, but yesterday amongst those applying were a number of qualified men and seamen who were desirous of getting berths.

The s.s. *Tung On*, manned by naval ratings, arrived from Canton yesterday, and brought with her about 25 passengers, all of whom were British, Japanese, or American, the majority being missionaries. Food supplies in Shanghai being plentiful, the s.s. *Tung On*, which has been taken over by the Hongkong Government, will leave this morning for Kowloon with mail and provisions. Passengers will be taken, but the fares will be much above the usual. The *Tung On* went to the Douglas Wharf on her return from Canton yesterday afternoon, the Government having temporarily assumed control of the wharf.

Another eleven recruits have joined the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, during the last two or three days. This brings the previous figure of 153, bringing the total number of recruits joining the Corps since the strike began to 164.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

AN EXCEPTIONAL PIECE OF
LEGISLATION.

FIXING UP SETTLEMENT DAY.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday. Present:—

His Excellency the Governor (Sir R. E. STURGES, K.C.M.G.).
His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General C. C. LEARD, C.B., C.M.G.).
The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Sir OLAV SEVERN, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
The Attorney-General (Hon. Sir HENRY POLLOCK, K.C.).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McLELLAN, O.B.E.).
Hon. Mr. H. T. OREASTY (Director of Public Works).
Hon. Mr. D. W. TRATMAN (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

Hon. Dr. J. B. ADDISON, M.B.E. (Principal Civil Medical Officer).
Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAKE.
Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG.
Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU-SUN.

Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD.
Hon. Mr. R. H. KERRALL.
Hon. Mr. C. M. KRAMER, K.C., O.B.E.
Hon. Mr. C. M. FLETCHER, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Clerk of Council).

FINANCIAL MINUTE.

The Colonial Secretary, by order of H.E. the Governor laid upon the table Financial Minute No. 45, and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and this was agreed to.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922. The object of this Bill is to amend Section 3 of Ordinance 5 of 1922 whereby a penalty is limited to a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for any term not exceeding one year. It is thought that, in certain cases, it is desirable to enlarge that penalty and punishment and Clause 2 of this Bill amends section 3 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance of 1922 so as to allow of a penalty or punishment other than that laid down in that Ordinance. Clause 3 of this Bill, which has a retrospective effect, is intended to validate a certain set of regulations passed very recently indeed and under which, I may say, no proceedings at all have been taken. As it is necessary to validate, or desirable to validate, that particular set of regulations, clause 3 of the Bill is drafted in such a way as to effect the validation not merely of these regulations but also any other regulations which have been made since June 1st, 1925. It is proposed, if hon. members have no objection, to move the suspension of the Standing Orders in order to enable this Bill to be passed through all stages at one sitting of the Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

To permit the suspension of the Standing Orders I have to declare that a state of emergency exists. I declare an emergency exists through all its stages at one sitting of the Council. My reasons for so stating are that the regulations which it is necessary to validate have been passed to deal with the present position in the Colony, and it is essential that the Government should have at the earliest possible moment the right to exercise the powers conferred upon them.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I beg to move the suspension of the Standing Orders to enable the Bill to be passed through all its stages.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL then moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

No amendments were made in Committee and upon Council resuming, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL proposed that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third and passed.

SETTLEMENT DAY.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance relating to the postponement of the June Settlement and to the facilitation of the carrying out of the June and July settlements. I have already addressed the Council on a previous occasion of this Bill, but hon. members now have before them a new edition and I would ask them kindly to follow my remarks with that new edition. As regards Clauses 3, 4 and 5 of the present Bill, the sole object of these clauses is to validate the postponement of the June Settlement, and the only material difference between these clauses and the clauses of the Bill which was last before the Council is that it has now been decided, instead of allowing the June settlement to extend over four days from the 14th to 17th of July inclusive, to carry out the Settlement on one day, and to make that day the 23rd of July.

Coming to Clause 6 of the Bill, this clause gives the buyer of shares for either the June or July settlement—and it also includes those who are having shares carried for June or July settlement—a certain option which I will now explain to the Council.

The option is that the buyer, if he does not intend to take delivery of shares on the due date at the contract price, may, on or before July 31st, 1925, make a request in writing to the seller to carry such shares for such buyer until and including the 22nd day of September, which I may mention is the date of the September Settlement. Clause 6 also gives the buyer the option, if he pleases, to redeem the shares at an earlier date. But there is one important point in this connection. It is not enough for the buyer merely to express the request which I have mentioned on or before July 31st, because such a request shall not be effective unless concurrently with the making of it, the buyer pays to the seller all interest, brokerage and stamp duty, and also, where the price at which the buyer has bought is greater than the flat rate, the difference between the flat rate and the contract price.

Now with reference to what is termed the flat rate, hon. members will see the definition of it in Clause 2c of this Bill. The "flat rate" means the quotation for shares which is set out in the schedule and, in the case of shares which are not included in the schedule, such quotation as may be fixed by the Governor. The schedule was given in yesterday's *Daily Press*.

My attention has been called by the Stockbrokers Association to a mistake in the quotation of Hongkong Tramway shares as given in the schedule. They are shown as \$37½, I am told they should appear as \$37½. I have myself spotted another error. Singapore trams are given at \$22. That is obviously a misprint for \$2. I do not know whether \$22 is a case of intelligent anticipation. It will be noticed in clause 2c also that provision is made for shares not included in the Schedule. In such circumstances it has been thought advisable to give the Governor power to fix the flat rate. I presume it will be necessary for His Excellency to obtain the information by telegraph and then give the flat rate.

Generally I may say the idea of clause 6 of this Bill is to obviate the necessity for a buyer of shares, as it were, to fulfill his contract at the June and July Settlements. He is given the option, if he pays up the difference between the contract price and the flat rate I have mentioned—a difference which in some cases will be no doubt amount to \$20 or so—a share to request the postponement of his liability to take up his contract until the September Settlement. That means he will get practically an extension of two months for taking up and paying over the balance of the purchase money due on his shares.

I may say that although this legislation seems somewhat exceptional, the Government has been careful to take the opinion of leading brokers in the Colony and the opinion has also been taken of the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Their opinion is that this clause—although it may seem unusual legislation—is the best kind of legislation that can be devised in the exceptional circumstances which now exist in the Colony.

Clause 7 of the Bill provides that so long as a seller is by the provisions of the Ordinance required to carry shares a pledge, charge or mortgage of such shares from such seller shall not be entitled to call in any loan made by him to such seller. I think hon. members will agree that that is desirable.

Clause 8 gives the power of sale to the seller if the buyer after making the request to which I have referred and paying the difference between the flat rate and the contract price, fails to redeem his shares on or before the September Settlement day.

Clause 9 was inserted in order to prevent the seller from "squeezing" the buyer. It is, of course, quite obvious, if a seller has no shares in effect to deliver, that he has no right to call upon the buyer to carry out his contract at all. Therefore clause 9 provides that the buyer may ask for a receipt of the shares to be supplied to him.

I may say, Sir, that it is regrettable that it has been found necessary to bring forward this Ordinance at such comparatively short notice. The Government, however, has done the best it can in the time at its disposal, to consult those who seemed most competent to advise regarding this form of legislation.

I express my great indebtedness to Mr. Mattingley, of Messrs. Deacons, who has (Continued on next Column).

CORRESPONDENCE.

A "TACTLESS" CASE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—May I be permitted to correct a wrong impression that may be formed in the minds of those who read the report of a recent case in which the Magistrate referred to a want of tact.

The Magistrate evidently took the amah's statement, as reported, to be true. This statement I absolutely deny; her story is a fabrication, and one which I did not get a chance to refute.

The facts are as follows:—

- 1.—The defendant was a wash amah and nothing else; neither was she called upon to perform any other duties, was permanently employed, and lived on my premises.
- 2.—She had never, either before or after the baby amah had left, been asked to perform any duties for my child, in fact she had never come in contact with her in any way.
- 3.—She left on the 6th inst. without giving notice.
- 4.—She admitted in Court that she had been induced to leave my employment by the coolie or boy of her new employer.

From the foregoing I think it will be agreed that the remarks passed by the Magistrate were uncalled for.—Yours, etc.,

H. E. SCRIVEN.

Hongkong, July 15th, 1925.

[Ed. Note: We, of course, accept Mr. Scriven's statement, and there is no doubt that if it had been made in Court the Magistrate would have accepted it also. The opportunity for making such a statement should have occurred during the hearing of the case, and it can only be surmised that Mr. Scriven, being unused to Court procedure, did not recognise the opportunity when it came.]

EUROPEAN'S SMART CAPTURE.

SEQUEL TO THEFT AT KOWLOON.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, a Chinese was charged with snatching a quantity of jewellery from a Chinese woman at a house in Portland Street. The woman blew a police whistle, and defendant, deputed, by Mr. W. Morgan, of the F.W.D., seeing the defendant, gave chase and caught him on Gun Club Hill.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch. His Worship congratulated Mr. Morgan on his action.

given a considerable amount of his time in drafting, with me, the various clauses of this, somewhat exceptional piece of legislation.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I should like to correct two erroneous statements that have been made regarding this Bill. It should be clearly understood that if any buyer of shares for the June or July settlement, or any other person for whom shares are being carried for these settlements, wishes to take advantage of the option referred to in Clause 6 he must do so on or before July 31st. The other is that the settlement day for June settlement is not on the 31st of July but on the 23rd of July.

Council then adjourned until Saturday at noon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee following, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

POLICE QUARTERS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$6,000 on account of Public Works, extraordinary, Hongkong, miscellaneous, altering and equipping the properties situated in Percival Street and Wong Nei Chung Road for Police quarters.

The CHAIRMAN: These police quarters will have to be rented until the No. 1 Police Station which it is proposed to erect on the Morrison Hill site is ready. That will be three or possibly four years. Approved.

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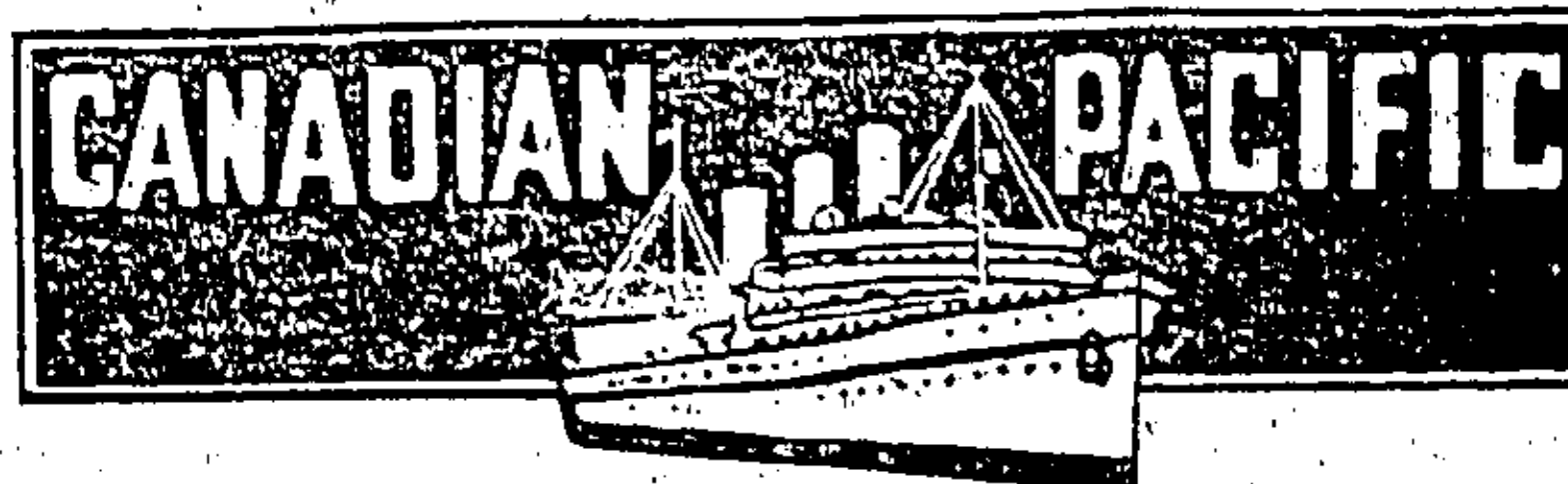
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